average annual addition to the labour force, which is projected at 0.7 crore per annum during the period 2002-07.

Regulatory authority for transport infrastructure sector

2577. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have mooted a single regulatory authority for transport infrastructure sector to boost the economy;

(b) whether the PMO is working with the Planning Commission to finalise the proposal and bring under an omnibus umbrella the regulatory regime for sectors like roads, ports, civil aviations and railways;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the scheme would be implemented; and

(d) whether Planning Commission had convened its first ever meeting to deal exclusively with the myriad infrastructural, social and economical problems plaguing Mumbai, the country's financial capital and if so, the decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal to have a single regulatory authority for transport sector. However, a note on regulatory issues for the infrastructure sector is under preparation and is likely to be submitted to Committee on Infrastructure within three months.

(d) Yes, Sir. A meeting was held on 22nd November, 2004 in the Planning Commission with the officers of the Government of Maharashtra. Three key areas for Mumbai's transformation were indicated, namely, transport infrastructural, housing and other infrastructure. These proposals are at an early stage of formulation and the State Govt. has not yet developed them into implementable projects with the necessary financial tie up.

Number of SC/ST families below poverty line

†2578. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families related to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.